

The Navy has extended the public comment period for the Northwest Training Range Complex Environmental Impact Statement, according to a release from the office of the Commander for Navy Region Northwest Tuesday.

This extension of the comment period comes after U.S. Rep. Earl Blumenauer and the rest of Oregon's Democratic Congressional Delegation sent a [letter](#) to the Navy. The delegation wrote that, due to unsatisfactory public notification, the public must be given more time to weigh in on the Navy's proposal to expand its operations along the northwest coast.

"Meaningful public comment is clearly part of this process," the delegation wrote in the letter.

The comment period was supposed to end this month, but will now end March 11. The Oregon delegation has also requested that at least two more public meetings be held. No word on if those meetings will happen.

The Navy is seeking public comment for its environmental impact statement regarding its proposal to expand training operations to up to 250 nautical miles beyond the coast of Washington, Oregon, and Northern California.